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Certified Member
Commercial Dahlia Growers
Dahlia Society of Michigan

To Our Dahlia Friends, Old and New

Greetings

We are on the threshold of the 1936 dahlia season. The trials of 1935—a late planting season, hot and dry summer, and an early frost, are now but history, and, at this time, like true dahlia fans, we are filled with anticipation of a more successful growing season for 1936.

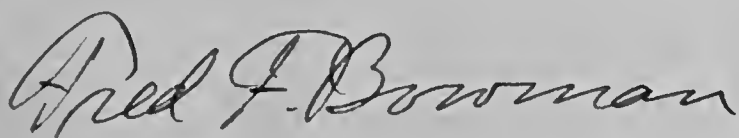
Many of our customers have informed us of their success with roots and plants purchased from us and how pleased and satisfied they are. With others who suffered misfortune in growing dahlias we have endeavored to go all the way in adjustments. Our policy is: "You Must Be Satisfied."

For 1936 we are offering in this catalog many of the latest introductions—1934-35-36—as well as some of the old favorites. You will find the prices consistent with quality. Low priced cheap stock is generally expensive in the end.

Orders should be placed early especially for roots as some of the later introductions are very limited and we do not substitute unless specifically ordered to do so.

Best wishes for a successful season in 1936. May you enjoy to the fullest one of God's greatest creations the Dahlia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred F. Bowman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

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616 Hendrie Boulevard,

Royal Oak, Michigan

General Information

In preparing the descriptions of the different dahlias listed herein we have made a special effort to give definite information about each one that would be comparable with the other.

First: The name of the variety, with the type of bloom following; for example:

ABE LINCOLN—Semi Cactus

Second: The second line, in parenthesis, giving the introducer's name and the rating of the bloom. Then, in most instances, the year introduced followed by the size of bloom and the height of bush.

Third: The paragraph giving the color of bloom, type, petals, kind of stem, bush and foliage, growing habits, floriferousness, quality of bloom, prize winning records, scoring received at Storrs, Conn., and East Lansing, Michigan, Trial Grounds, Honor Roll, and progress made at the New York Botanical Gardens,

RATING

In giving the rating of the bloom we are using the scoring figure which the plant received at Storrs, Conn., or Lansing, Michigan, Trial Grounds, when such scoring was available. All other ratings given are the scoring given the bloom by the best dahlia growers in this section. It is generally conceded that a dahlia rating 85 is very good.

TRIAL GROUNDS

The American Dahlia Society conducts trial grounds at Storrs, Connecticut, and at East Lansing, Michigan, where new dahlias are sent to be grown and scored by competent dahlia judges. Those receiving a rating of over 85 may receive a Certificate of Merit. Reference is made in many instances in this catalog to Certificate of Merit. We are making every effort to have eventually only Certificate of Merit or dahlias scoring 85 or higher in our garden.

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDENS

Each year many dahlia enthusiasts send their best dahlias to the New York Botanical Gardens to be grown and to be judged by the many thousands of visitors during the blooming season in a popularity voting contest. Each visitor is requested to vote his or her choice of the dahlias in bloom and at the close of the season the count is tallied. Several dahlias listed in this catalog have been grown there and the progress made in the contest is given.

THE HONOR ROLL

In many of the descriptions of the dahlias we make reference to their having been placed on "The Honor Roll." During the past several years Mr. Derrill W. Hart has published his annual Honor Roll in the December issues of the American Home magazine up to, and including, the year 1933; in 1934 in the House Beautiful (combined with Home and Field) magazine. In 1935 he joined the staff of the Flower Grower and his Honor Roll was published therein in the December issue.

For years Mr. Hart's Honor Roll of Dahlias has been considered an authority on the new dahlia creations of the year and mention by him on his Honor Roll of Dahlias of one's new creations has been considered not only complimentary but virtually a recommendation. Where mention is made of the Honor Roll in this catalog Mr. Hart's Honor Roll is the one to which reference is made.

During the last two or three years Mr. D. O. Eldredge, editor of the Mid West Dahlia News has published his choice of the new dahlias of the season and those mentioned in his review—or honor roll—have been considered highly complimented. Both Mr. Hart and Mr. Eldredge are excellent judges of dahlias and each makes it his business to grow the latest and visit the gardens of new creations each year in order to justly pass their opinion in publishing their respective Honor Rolls or Dahlia Reviews.

An originator of new dahlias can do no better than to have a dahlia which merits the compliment of being placed on one or both of these Honor Rolls.

Other periodicals have published in their fall issues their dahlia review, choosing those in the opinion of their dahlia enthusiasts as worthy of mention in their review. Many of the dahlias listed herein have been listed in several of these lists of honor.

Dahlias We Have Grown

All the dahlias listed in this catalog except the ones dated "1936" in the second line of each description have been grown in our gardens. The descriptions given of the 1936 dahlias are taken from the introducer's statements concerning them and in most cases the dahlia will live up to the introducer's claims. We will be able to furnish plants only of all 1936 dahlias and of many of the 1934-35 as you will note in the listings.

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Green Plants

We prefer to use, and recommend green plants for the production of exhibition flowers, excellent plants and splendid root systems. Green plants are more economical—costing one-half the price of roots. We ship to you in boxes constructed to insure safe arrival. They are shipped from May 15 to June 15, ready for planting and a continuous growth.

Dahlia Descriptions

ABE LINCOLN—Semi Cactus

(Peacock) Bloom 7 x 4, Bush 5 ft.

Color, bright spectrum red, reflex rose red. An early and prolific bloomer. A row of this dahlia in your garden would attract the attention of everyone. Blooms are held sideways on extra long stiff stems. Bush a very good grower.

Plants Only, 50c

ADIRONDAK SUNSET—Informal Decorative

(Cackener-Parkway) 1935, Bloom 12 x 6, Bush 5 ft.

This dahlia was the best attention getter in our garden last year and likewise in the shows it received more comment than any other in our display. It attracts attention from the distance and is still good when one is near to it. At the New York Botanical Gardens, 1934, it was the favorite by popular vote. The color is a brilliant scarlet red with golden tints, golden blushes on the reverse, and a vivid bright orange at the base of the petals. Blooms held sideways. The plant is a very strong grower, doing well anywhere, has wide spreading habits of growth, and is almost immune from insects. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Roots, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.50

ADORABLE—Informal Decorative

(Angel-Parkway—86) 1935, Bloom 10 x 5, Bush 4 ft.

This is one of the best peach colors ever produced in a dahlia—a vivid peach shading to an orange yellow at the center. Petals are long and broad with a twist near the tips giving the bloom a star effect in formation. Can be grown to good size with little disbudding. Is a clean open grower and self branching. Blooms held at 45 degrees angle. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, \$2.50

ALLEN A—Formal Decorative

(Angel-Fraser—83) 1934, Bloom 9 x 5, Bush 4½ ft.

Very beautiful bloom of ivory and white suffused lilac. A prolific bloomer—up to eight blooms at one time on each bush being the rule. An interesting feature about this dahlia is that every bush in the row grows to the same size—width as well as height. Blooms hold well when cut.

Roots, \$1.50; Plants, 75c

ALTMARK—Cactus

(Berger)

In Europe this dahlia won many prizes for its introducer. It also was much admired at the New York Botanical Gardens where it was grown. Color is pink with lilac suffusions. Blooms held at 45 degree angle on stiff stems. Bush is rugged, about 4 feet high.

Plants only, \$1.00

AMELIA EARHART—Semi Cactus

(Cordes—81) 1933, Bloom 12 x 6, Bush 5 ft.

One of the most admired dahlias since its introduction in 1933. It has the distinction of winning two American Home Achievement Medals the first year shown. A very easy grower and free bloomer. Color, a combination of apricot buff with salmon tints shading to soft yellow at the base of the petals. Blooms facing sideways on very good stems. Foliage insect resistant. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, \$1.50

ANDREA ERICSON—Informal Decorative

(F. & M.—85) 1931, Bloom 9 x 4, Bush 4½ ft.

It has been said, "the easiest way to describe this dahlia is to call it a white Fort Monmouth." However, the petals are somewhat wider and heavier, giving the bloom a deeper appearance and more of a loose petaled type. In our opinion it is the best informal white we had in our garden. Stems are good and long. It is a white that makes up well in vase or basket. Also a good keeper. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, \$1.00; Plants, 50c

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AMERICA'S SWEETHEART—Informal Decorative

(Nunneville) 1935, Bloom 12 x 5, Bush 5 ft.

Among the 1935 introductions this was surely an outstanding variety. Color a pure yellow without shading. Many of the petals are double serrated and curl and twist as the bloom develops, folding back to the stem like a huge chrysanthemum. The outer petals do not burn. Blooms face upward with high center. Stems are absolutely straight, stiff and sturdy. This dahlia grows to exhibition size and beauty without fertilizer. With a little encouragement—fertilizer and water—it can be brought to spectacular development. Many who have seen this dahlia say it is the best one of the yellows to date. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Plants only, \$5.00

ARCTURUS—Informal Decorative

(Peck—88) 1934, Bloom 9 x 5, Bush 5 ft.

This Certificate of Merit dahlia was one of the very good growers last year, every bush being strong and uniform in size and shape. Blooms are scarlet red suffused deep yellow with yellow reverse, good size, making an all round good variety. The substance of the flowers is unusual since they outlast most other dahlias, either on the bush or after cutting. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, \$1.00; Plants 50c

ARELDA LLOYD—Informal Decorative

(Smith—87) 1934, Bloom 10 x 6, Bush 5½ ft.

At the trial grounds at Storrs in 1933 this dahlia was more or less outstanding making a score of 87. Owing to the limited stock we were not able to secure it in 1934, and it still has not been widely disseminated. The color is a clear lemon yellow with rose suffusions on ends of petals with a clear yellow center. Some have described this dahlia as a yellow Jane Cowl, as form and bush are almost identical.

Plants only, \$2.50

BABY ROYAL—Miniature, Cactus

(West—86) Bloom 3 x 2, Bush 2½ ft.

A gem for any garden with salmon pink blooms shaded apricot with yellow at base of petals. Winner of many awards as best foreign miniature. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, \$1.00; Plants, 50c

BETTY COLTER—Informal Decorative

(Redfern—87) 1932, Bloom 9 x 4, Bush 4½ ft.

A distinctive and pleasing shade of salmon red shading to old rose at the base of long rolled petals. The blooms are held sideways on good stems. An early and profuse bloomer. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Roots, \$1.00; Plants, 50c

BLUE TRAIN—Formal Decorative

(B & B) 1933

A good shade of purple on good stems. A dahlia that will grow any place and is free from insects. Blooms abundantly.

Roots, \$1.00; Plants, 50c

BONNIE BELMONT—Semi Cactus

(Cochran-Ruschmohr—85) 1936

Derrill W. Hart has the following to say about this Honor Roll dahlia: "For three years I have had this beautiful dahlia on trial and over that period of time I have rated it as a variety of outstanding merit. The color is a bright golden-yellow on a very beautifully-formed flower. Winner in 1934 as Best Cactus at the Rockville Centre show. Also outstanding in the New York show this year (1935)."

Plants only, \$5.00

BUCKEYE QUEEN—Formal Decorative

(Peck—91) 1935, Blooms 8 x 5, Bush 4½ ft.

A clear lavender or mallow pink that keeps well when cut and is always full to the center. It has many winnings to its credit both in 1934 and 1935. As a lavender it fills a place vacant in this list of exhibition dahlias.

Plants only, \$2.00

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BUCKEYE KING—Formal Decorative

(Peck—91) Bloom 9 x 5, Bush 4½ ft.

A very large, clear glowing amber yellow. Stems are long, always good, with all flowers facing. Bushes are vigorous and uniform, producing many lateral branches. Flower is a perfect formal type and was the sensation of the introducer's fields. A good keeper. On Mr. Hart's Honor Roll.

Roots, \$1.00; Plants, 50c

CALIFORNIA IDOL—Informal Decorative

(Ballay-Success) 1935, Bloom 12 x 8, Bush 5 ft.

Clear bright self colored yellow. Contrary to the type of most large exhibition dahlias this one is an extremely refined flower in every sense. It is an Honor Roll dahlia, also winner of American Home Achievement Medal at Boston and the Dahlia Society of California's Gold Medal at San Francisco in 1934. Its winnings in 1935 were too numerous to mention. In Mr. Hart's Dahlia Review in 1934 in the House Beautiful he had this to say: "This giant yellow has a coast-to-coast record as a 1934 winner. At the show of the Dahlia Society of California it won the Gold Medal as the Best Three-Year-Old Seedling. At Boston it won the Achievement Medal as Best Undisseminated dahlia. It was one of the outstanding varieties at Storrs this year. It is a fine grower with a deep flower of clear glistening yellow, a true pastel shade. Here will be a new competitor in the specimen bloom classes."

Plants only, \$5.00

CAMEO—Formal Decorative

(F. & M.—87) 1933, Bloom 10 x 5, Bush 5 ft.

If you want a real pastel bloom of coral-rose shaded mal-low pink with a golden sheen on face of petals, glowing beautifully under artificial light, your choice will fall here. The coloring of this dahlia is outstanding and the formation nearly perfect. Sturdy bush with long erect stems. Blooms keep well when cut, also ideal for exhibition. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, \$1.00

CAVALCADE—Formal Decorative

(Groll-Dahliadel—85) 1935, Bloom 9 x 5, Bush 5 ft.

This Michigan introduction is surely one of the finest of 1935 dahlias in the formal decorative class. A bloom about a shade darker than Jersey's Beauty—some call it a mulberry pink, others a rich deep rose with tones of rosy magenta. Petals are longer than those of Jersey's Beauty making a much deeper bloom. Bush is a vigorous grower, stems long and strong, foliage heavy and tough, an ideal root maker. A very good cut variety as the coloring and type of bloom will blend well with Jersey's Beauty and Kentucky. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, \$4.00; Plants, \$2.00

CAROLYN THILL—Informal Decorative

(McAvoy) 1932, Bloom 9 x 5, Bush 5½ ft.

A very attractive dahlia and a difficult one to describe —might be called a chamois rose—however, it is a very beautiful flower. The blooms face sideways on long strong stems well above the foliage. An extremely clean grower and very satisfactory all around plant. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, 75c; Plants, 50c

CHARLIE CHAPLIN—Informal Decorative

(Petrie-Chappaqua) 1935, Bloom 9 x 5, Bush 4 ft.

A very large flower of deep gold shading to a bronze center. Exceptionally strong grower and prolific bloomer with very long, straight stems and tough insect resistant foliage. Certificate of Merit at Storrs in 1934. Dahlia Roll of Honor in 1934.

Plants only, \$2.50

CHAS G. REED—Formal Decorative

(Ballay-Success) 1931, Bloom 9 x 5, Bush 4 ft.

A rich red suffused with purple. Has won many prizes and is an Honor Roll dahlia. Blooms are held upright on perfect stems. Bush has good branching habits. Profuse bloomer and one of the very pretty dahlias.

Roots, 50c; Plants, 50c

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CHAUTAUQUA SUNSET—Formal Decorative

(Wallace—88) 1933, Bloom 10 x 5, Bush 4 ft.

Most pleasing in color as it is a blending of sunset shades—apricot shaded yellow and suffused coral red. Growing habits are good with strong straight stems. Excellent bush growth with dark green foliage. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, \$1.50

CLARA BARTON—Informal Decorative

(Salem D. G.—85) 1934, Bloom 10 x 5, Bush 5 ft.

An immense bloom which faces upward on long, straight stems. The face of the petals is silvery orchid with the reverse of deep lavender. A very prolific bloomer and one well recommended. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, \$1.50

CLOUDLAND GEM—Formal Decorative

(Mastic) Bloom 8 x 4, Bush 5½ ft.

Originated in the mountains of Tennessee but does well in most sections of the country. The bloom opens creamy white, deep tufted mauve pink; as the blooms mature they change to an exquisite shell pink. The form changes also—petals become crinkled and the under petals fold back toward the stem. Bloom faces sideways on very good stem. A good bloomer and a good cut flower.

Roots, 75c; Plants, 50c

CROYDEN BEAUTY—Informal Decorative

(Stredwick)

An English introduction with charming characteristics. Color is a glistening butter yellow, heavily laden with a golden sheen. Blooms are good size facing sideways. Petals are nicely pointed giving good form to the bloom. Bush is one of the strong early varieties and a prolific bloomer. Good keeping qualities when cut.

Plants only, 50c

DADDY KEMP—Informal Decorative

(Kemp) 1935, Bloom 12 x 6, Bush 3 ft.

A man's flower in every respect with heavy rugged petals. Color a rich purplish red. Plant is a low grower, many branched and prolific of bloom. It should be grown to four stalks to insure good stems. An Honor Roll dahlia. Won as Best Bloom at Red Bank.

Plants only, \$2.50

DANCING SULTANA—Semi Cactus

(Newsome) 1932, Bloom 8 x 5, Bush 5 ft.

The petal formation is the high spot in this dahlia—they twist and curl giving the flower a dazzling effect. The bright oriental lacquer red color is also distinctive. With plenty of water this plant will prove a vigorous grower with good blooming early and late. Blooms are at a 45 degree angle. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, 50c

DELWOOD GLORIOUS—Informal Decorative

A blending of rose shades, beautiful, good stems and a medium tall grower.

Plants only, 75c

DORCAS ANN—Semi Cactus

(E. & M. Williams-Dahliadel) 1935, Bloom 7 x 5

This dahlia is adapted to home decorations, general florists' use, basket and arrangement classes in the show room, as it is a beautiful rose pink shading to creamy white at the center. Bush is healthy and robust. Stems always erect and the flowering habits are ideal. One of the good root makers.

Plants only, \$2.50

DOROTHY STONE—Informal Decorative

(F. & M.—84) 1931, Bloom 9 x 4, Bush 4 ft.

One of the best of the older pink dahlias; very good in the garden and the show room. Generally a good grower. Blooms always have full center with large wide petals. Foliage, strong and leathery. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, 50c

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DWIGHT MORROW—Informal Decorative

(Dahliadel—85) 1931, Bloom 11x 5, Bush 5 ft.

This spectacular red, winner at many shows, is admired for its size, depth, form, beauty of color—a rich crimson red with a velvet texture seldom seen in any dahlia. A very healthy growing habit. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, 50c

ELEANOR M. RADELL—Informal Decorative

(Felsing—85) 1934, Bloom 8 x 4, Bush 6 ft.

Blooms of shell pink shading to deep rose with a darker reverse and golden shadings toward the base of petals—a bloom of good substance. This dahlia, because of its uniformly good color, stem, form, and size, was awarded a Certificate of Merit at Storrs. Wonderful bush with prolific habits. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, \$1.00

ELISSA LANDI—Formal Decorative

(Cordes-Eastman—88) 1934, Bloom 8 x 4, Bush 5 ft.

This 1934 introduction has proved a great success. It is a formal decorative with a slight wave to the petals. A brilliant coral bloom, fine foliage, good growth, and an exceptionally good keeper. On the American Home Honor Roll for 1933. This introduction came from the gardens which produced Amelia Earhart.

Plants only, \$1.50

ELITE GLORY—Formal Decorative

(Kennedy—83) Bloom 10 x 4, Bush 4½ ft.

One of the older varieties that is still going good and is grown for its outstanding beauty. Color is rich red. Bloom large, of good form and substance and held on good stem. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Roots, 50c; Plants, 50c

EUGENIA BALLAY—Informal Decorative

(Ballay) 1934, Bloom 9 x 5, Bush 5 ft.

An Honor Roll dahlia from the west. Rich orange, long strong stems, and fine growing habits. An early and prolific bloomer. We were very late getting this dahlia in last year—its first year—and, consequently, did not get it into bloom before the frost. We are giving the above description from the introducer's statement about it.

Plants only, \$1.50

FAIRY—Miniature, Formal Decorative

(Bond) 1934, Bloom 3 x 2, Bush 3 ft.

Pink with a suffusion of mauve. This dainty flower can best be described as a miniature of Jersey's Beauty with the same beautiful and delicate shadings. One of the best of cut flowers on strong, straight stems. A good flower for exhibition.

Roots, \$1.00; Plants, 50c

FRAU IDA MANSFIELD—Cactus

(Schone—88) Bloom 8 x 4, Bush 4½ ft.

One of the most striking, clear, pale lemon dahlias introduced. The revolute petals are cleft, giving it the effect of having double the number of normal petals and making a very attractive flower. An early and profuse bloomer.

Plants only, 50c

FRANZ BERGER—Cactus

(Berger) 1935, Bloom 9 x 4, Bush 4 ft.

This is one of the new ones from Germany that will create the same sensation and win as its parent Frau O. Bracht has done and is doing in her class. Its habit of growth, size and formation of blooms are the same as its parent, the only difference being its color which is a bright coral red.

Plants only, \$2.50

FORT MONMOUTH—Informal Decorative

(Kemp—87) Bloom 11 x 4, Bush 6 ft.

The predominating color is a rich claret. One of the brightest of the dark dahlias. Blooms are well formed, being borne on long stiff stems and usually well out of the foliage. Has always been a show winner. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Roots, 50c; Plants, 50c

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FRED SPRINGER—Formal Decorative, Border

(Groll) Bloom 3 to 5 x 3, Bush dwarf, about 30 in. Here is a dahlia coming more in demand each year as a hedge or border plant. It can be grown to three feet but under normal conditions it will average 24 to 30 inches, and all plants will be approximately the same size. It should be planted about 20 or 24 inches apart in hedge work. Blooms early and stays in bloom until frost. Foliage is finely cut and fern like. Always a consistent grower. The bush is very compact and when used as a specimen plant is very attractive.

Roots, 75c; Plants, 50c

Note—In using as a hedge you will need several. It will pay you to ask for prices on quantity lots to suit your needs—10, 25 or 100 rate.

GIRL OF HILLCREST—Informal Decorative

(Scott—85) 1932, Bloom 10 x 5, Bush 5 ft.

This is one of the dahlias that always satisfies by coming into bloom early and blooming until frost. An excellent flower of apricot buff or cadmium orange facing at 45 degrees. Petals wide and twist slightly. A bush that gets its growth early in the season. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Roots, 75c; Plants, 50c

GOLDEN ECLIPSE—Formal Decorative

(Badetty—84) 1934, Bloom 8 x 4, Bush 5½ ft.

A clear golden yellow with salmon and flesh shadings at the center. Blooms facing sideways on cane like stems. Good keeper. This dahlia is a little late in blooming and should be planted as early as possible. Certified at Storrs in 1933. A constant winner at the shows. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, \$1.50; Plants, 75c

GOLDEN STANDARD—Cactus

(Downs) 1934, Bloom 9 x 5, Bush 6 ft.

Nearly everyone is short on cactus varieties. This plant in your garden will command the attention of every visitor. It's one you will be proud to show as it has good size and color is a warm buff or golden tan shaded amber and gold. The bloom faces you on a long stiff stem. Plant is an open grower. This dahlia was a persistent winner at the 1935 shows. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, \$2.50

HILLCREST MANDARIN—Informal Decorative

(Scott) 1933, Bloom 10 x 6, Bush 4½ ft.

A big flashy flower that comes in bloom early and continues until frost. The bush is one that will do well under adverse conditions, being a thrifty grower. Blooms are oriental scarlet flushed and shading to a golden yellow reverse. The petals twist and curl in a most fascinating manner adding to the size and depth of the flower. The plant is one of the very good root makers. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, \$1.50; Plants, 75c

HILLCREST NUGGET—Informal Decorative

(Scott—89) 1934, Bloom 10 x 7, Bush 6 ft.

One of the outstanding introductions of 1934. At the trial grounds at East Lansing it scored 89.2—one of the highest scores of the year. Color is very unusual—apricot yellow with a cardinal suffusion on the reverse which shows up distinctly on the unopened petals in the center of the bloom. Growth is very healthy. Its records include Certificate of Merit at East Lansing, Achievement Medal at West Virginia and a place on Derrill W. Hart's Honor Roll.

Plants only, \$2.50

HILLCREST SWISS ROSE—Informal Decorative

(Scott) Bloom 10 x 6, Bush 5 ft.

Another one of Dr. Scott's originations. Color is the old Swiss Rose. We admired the coloring of this dahlia and the shaggy type of the blooms with their long petals. The bush carried continuously from one to four blooms. They came early and were there when frost came. Bush is a very wide and healthy grower.

Plants only, 50c

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HONOR BRIGHT—Formal Decorative

(Peck) 1934

A Certificate of Merit dahlia at Storrs Trial Grounds in 1933. Coloring is very unusual—a coral rose with tints of amber shading to coral red at the center. One of the very good keepers. Good stems. An honor Roll dahlia.

Plants only, 75c

HUNT'S VELVET WONDER—Informal Decorative

(Hunt-Burnett Bros.) 1935, Bloom 10x6, Bush 5½ ft.

Want a large dahlia? Here is your chance to satisfy that desire. This flower is not only large but has good formation, good color, and wonderful keeping qualities. Color is a bright violet Burgundy—some call it a royal purple under artificial light. Blooms have full center and great depth. Petals are broad, long, and wave and taper near the tips. Foliage is dark green and insect resistant. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, \$3.75

IDA PERKINS—Formal Decorative

(Montrose—84) Bloom 8 x 4, Bush 4 ft.

One of the good all around white dahlias of fine form and with full centers. Blooms early and continuously. Foliage is dark and leathery.

Roots, 50c

INDIANA MOON—Informal Decorative

(Martin) 1932, Bloom 12 x 6, Bush 6½ ft.

These large well formed blooms of flesh ochre present a very striking appearance in the garden. Has been consistent winner at shows as the largest bloom. Bush has good foliage, is good grower and makes a very fine root that keeps well. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, 75c; Plants, 50c

JANE COWL—Informal Decorative

(Downs—88) Bloom, 10 x 6, Bush 5½ ft.

Of all the dahlias grown Jane Cowl is the only one that could be called a "100-per-center." Does well wherever grown. The bush is ideal, always strong and healthy. Blooms are a warm buff and old gold, blending to apricot and rose at the center. Petals are long curled and twist in a most fascinating manner. A prolific bloomer and good root maker. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Roots, 50c; Plants, 50c

JANET SOUTHWICK—Informal Decorative

(Chapman—80) 1932, Bloom 8 x 4, Bush 5 ft.

Something entirely different in coloring—being a shade between Tyrian rose and Bergundy red. Petals are broad and come to a half twist near the tips giving something very different in formation. Blooms are held facing up. Stems are good, cane like and strong. Plant, healthy grower with leathery foliage. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, \$1.50; Plants, 75c

JEAN KEEFER—Informal Decorative

(Keefer-Kemp—85) 1932, Bloom 9 x 5, Bush 6 ft.

Bright, intense rose-pink shading to silver and pastel mauve at the ends of long gracefully curved petals on the outside of the flower. Plants are tall, vigorous growers, producing a many branched bush, prolific of bloom. Scored 85 at Storrs, Conn.

Roots, 50c

JEAN TRIMBEE—Semi Cactus

(Trimbee—85) 1930, Bloom 9 x 5, Bush 5 ft.

Color of richest deep petunia violet; of unusual size; borne well above the foliage on stiff rigid stem. A free bloomer of strong, vigorous habit. On the honor Roll.

Roots, 75c; Plants, 50c

JERSEY'S BEACON—Formal Decorative

(Waite—84) Bloom 9 x 4, Bush 4½ ft.

One of the older standbys and as good as it ever was—still being shown in competition with the new ones and winning. One of the earliest to bloom. Color a bright scarlet with a buff reflex, giving a two-tone effect. A free bloomer of massive proportions with stocky stems. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Roots, 35c

ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN

JERSEY'S DAINTY—Cactus

(Waite) 1934, Bloom 6 x 5, Bush 5 ft.

A white straight cactus bloom with a faint overtone of lavender. There were as many as a dozen blooms at one time on each bush making a beautiful row in our garden last summer. This is truly a lovely as well as a very dainty dahlia and was aptly named. A very good root maker.

Roots, \$1.50; Plants, 75c

JEROME KERN—Informal Decorative

(Veale and Mendham) 1932, Bloom 7 x 5, Bush 4 ft.

Color a soft shrimp pink with gold shadings at the center, reverse bright old rose. The outer petals curl in a most unusual manner, giving the flower a striking effect. It is a sturdy grower and prolific bloomer. Blooms are held erect partially facing. Stems good. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, \$1.00

JESSE CRAWFORD—Informal Decorative

(Fraser) 1935, Bloom 10 x 4, Bush 4½ ft.

Derrill W. Hart placed this dahlia on his Honor Roll for 1934 with the statement it was one of the outstanding dahlias of the year. We grew it in our gardens last year and was a little disappointed with the first blooms which came in the "too hot" weather. However, later blooms came up to full expectations. An informal decorative orchid lavender with shadings from a light tone to that deep color you find in the lip of a Cattleya. One of the features of this plant is the uniformity of the bush—every one in the row being conspicuously the same height and breadth. Foliage is tough and leathery, a strong plant.

Roots, \$5.00; Plants, \$2.50

JIM MOORE—Informal Decorative

(Lollier—84) 1931, Bloom 8 x 4, Bush 5 ft.

This dahlia is worthy of space in any man's garden. It is distinctive in form and color. Petals are long and regular, rolling back at the tips. Color is a primrose yellow shaded gold and suffused salmon. A good healthy grower. And, if you want blooms, don't miss growing this dahlia, it has never failed us. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, 50c; Plants, 50c

JOSEPHINE G—Semi Cactus

(Grosscross—85) Bloom 8 x 5, Bush 4½ ft.

One of the most charming of the pinks. The color is a true rose pink of a bright shade, some petals tipped yellow. It makes a very sturdy bush with the flowers held well above the dense foliage. A prolific bloomer of well formed exhibition blooms. This bloom comes cactus early in the season but finally settles down to an informal decorative. Won a Certificate of Merit at Storrs. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, 50c; Plants, 50c

KAY FRANCIS—Semi Cactus

(Eastman-Cordes) 1935, Bloom 8 x 4, Bush 5 ft.

This outstanding prize winning cactus is a true type flower of clear light lemon yellow, is very prolific, an early bloomer, a fine keeper, and can be cut with very long but not bulky stems, a husky grower without faults. There is no burning, no fading, no blotching, or rain spotting. The blooms are deep with a high, attractively formed center and are uniform in size throughout the season. Plants are vigorous and without a fault. The blooms may be said to resemble Frau. O. Bracht, with the same clean-cut beauty, but is a deeper color and heavier flower.

Plants only, \$2.50

KEMP'S PURPLE WONDER—Informal Decorative

(Kemp) 1933, Bloom 11 x 6, Bush 6 ft.

The predominating color of this dahlia is pansy purple with rose hued reverse. Blooms are held high on stiff stems and are facing. This is a seedling of Fort Monmouth. Foliage is tough and leathery and very thick.

Roots, \$1.50; Plants, 75c

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KEMP'S WHITE WONDER—Informal Decorative

(Kemp) 1933, Bloom 10 x 5, Bush 4 ft.

Termed by the originator as a white Fort Monmouth. Color a pure white, and all blooms held at 45 degree angle. It is a deep flower with pointed petals that are long and wavy. A big producer of exhibition blooms. Wonderful root maker. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, \$1.00; Plants, 50c

KENTUCKY RED—Informal Decorative

(White—85) 1932, Bloom 10 x 4, Bush 5 ft.

One of the attention compelling reds. Color flaming scarlet. Slow to fade. Blooms are uniformly large and the bush growth always healthy with attractive foliage. A marvelous root maker. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, \$1.00; Plants, 50c

KITTY MAC—Informal Decorative

(Kemp) 1936

"This is a splendid addition to the purple class, and I believe the best-formed dahlia in this class. It is a tall growing bush with giant blooms of a bright purple shading towards petunia-violet. It is a rich, very pleasing color. A vase of this at the New York show was as good as anything in the show, in so far as quality of blooms was concerned." Mr. Hart's description of this dahlia in his Honor Roll of 1935.

Plants only, \$5.00

LA REINA—Formal Decorative

Bloom 10 x 6, Bush 4½ ft.

A large clear golden buff on strong long stems. A beautiful bloom and strong grower. To our knowledge the nearest bloom in type and color to La Reina is Rose Fallon, however, La Reina is a much better bloom, being deeper and of a more loose petalage type.

Roots, \$1.00; Plants, 50c

LITTLE NEMO—Miniature, Formal Decorative

(Groll) 1935, Bloom 3 x 1½, Bush 3 ft.

This red and white bi-color proved very attractive for basket and vase work. A real florist's dahlia. Good grower and bloomer.

Plants only, 50c

LEMONIA—Semi Cactus

(Bruidegon)

By far the best semi cactus to arrive from Holland. Color, a brilliant clear lemon yellow that is very striking in effect and attracts away across the garden. Blooms are massive and of great depth and are held high on strong stems facing sideways. A vigorous grower. A good cut flower. This dahlia was a great winner during the last season.

Plants only, \$2.50

LORD OF AUTUMN—Informal Decorative

(Almy—88) 1934, Bloom 12 x 6, Bush 5½ ft.

Many consider this dahlia to be one of the greatest ever produced. It was a sensation wherever grown or shown. Color is a rich golden yellow. Petals are long and have a graceful twist near the tips, the outer petals rolling back near the stem, giving the gigantic bloom enormous depth. Stems are strong and hold the blooms well. Plant is a vigorous grower and of wide-spreading habit. A plant of this variety in bloom is spectacular. In the New York Botanical Gardens popularity contest it won second. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, \$2.00

LOUISE BATES—Semi Cactus

(Cordes-Eastman—79) 1934, Bloom 10 x 6, Bush 5 ft.

The color of this odd cactus dahlia is a mallow pink with dark phlox purple at the center. We grew our plants to six canes and had beautiful 10 inch blooms. Stems were long and straight and of healthy growth. Blooms facing. The formation is very odd as the petals are wide and twist slightly, making an attractive bloom for the show room. Received Certificate of Merit at Storrs in 1933 and has created much comment wherever shown. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Plants only, \$1.50

ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN

MAN O' WAR—Informal Decorative

(Boone-Ruschmohr—84) 1934, Bloom 10 x 4

Here is a dahlia similar to Dwight Morrow except that the petalage is of looser formation. Color is rich dark carmine. A good all around dahlia that has made the grade at all of the 1935 shows. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, \$1.00

MARGRACE—Informal Decorative

(Bissell—86) 1936, 10 x 5, Bush 5 ft.

This 1936 introduction won Certificate of Merit at both Storrs and Lansing last year, scoring 85 6-7 at Storrs and 85 at Lansing, was mentioned by Derrill W. Hart on his Honor Roll in the Flower Grower; Leanord Barren in the House Beautiful; D. O. Eldredge in the Mid West Dahlia News. Was one of the outstanding flowers at the New York Botanical Gardens. At the Mid West Dahlia show in Cleveland we saw a bloom of this beautiful flower and was very much taken up with it. At this show it won first in the informal decorative class, undissected dahlia. At the Michigan State show at Port Huron, it won first in the informal decorative class, and was a close contender for the largest and best bloom in the show. We believe you will not be disappointed with this dahlia. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, \$5.00

MISS ELSIE JANE—Semi Cactus

(Dahliadel—87) 1934, Bloom 5 x 4, Bush 5 ft.

If you want an artistically formed dahlia—something different—you will be pleased with Miss Elsie Jane. Not too large for florists' work. Color, too, is unique, being a shrimp pink with cream shading at the center and tipped violet rose, a very satisfying color combination. Blooms are uniform in size and by rigid disbudding will get up to 6 inches. Prolific bloomer with good stems.

Plants only, \$1.50

MRS. AUSTIN D. BOSS—Informal Decorative

(Fraser) Bloom 4 x 3, Bush 4½ ft.

A medium sized flower of flesh pink on a white base, growing perfectly on long stiff stems. Very good for vase or basket work. An insect resistant variety. Good grower.

Roots, \$1.50; Plants, 75c

MISS BELGIUM—Straight Cactus

(Nagels—88) 1934, Bloom 4½ x 3, Bush 4 ft.

This beautiful bright orange dahlia of perfect cactus type and free flowering habit, was very much admired by all who saw it in our gardens. The blooms are attractively facing on long wiry straight stems well out of the foliage. A dahlia that is very satisfactory either on bush or when used as cut flower. Winner of silver cup in Holland from whence it came and was placed on Derrill W. Hart's Honor Roll. The bush is a very good grower, one you should have in your garden. This was our best seller last fall.

Plants only, 75c

MILTON J. CROSS—Informal Decorative

(Johnson) 1936, Bloom 12 x 8

"Apricot peach with a bright golden face. Blooms easily obtain a size of 12 inches across, 8 inches deep. Good grower. Winner of five medals in 1935 including three American Home Achievement Medals, at York, Camden and Burholme Shows. An Honor Roll dahlia." (Introducer's description)

Plants only, \$7.50

MRS. BRUCE COLLINS—Cactus

(Groll-Dahliadel) 1934, Bloom 9 x 4, Bush 4 ft.

We were more than gratified with the behavior of this Michigan dahlia in our gardens last fall. The bush was literally covered with the straight cactus, lemon-colored blooms of good size. The color shades a little lighter toward the tips of the petals. Winner as the best undissected dahlia at the Mid West Dahlia show at Grand Rapids in 1934. The bush is a good grower, good branching habits and thickly covered with foliage. This dahlia would fill in well in the border as each plant is a good specimen. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Plants only, \$2.50

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MRS. GEORGE Le BOUTELLIER—Informal Dec.

(Smith-Ruschmohr) 1935, Bloom 12 x 6, Bush 5 ft.

One of the largest blooms in the red class and in our opinion a much better dahlia than Murphy's Masterpiece. Color is a rich crimson red. Blooms are exceptionally large, held high on an almost leafless stem. Bush is of the self-branching and wide-spreading type. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Plants only, \$2.50

MRS. I. DE VERE WARNER—Formal Decorative

An older variety that is still grown in most gardens. A good cut flower, good grower, good bush; in fact this flower is the parent of a number of our most popular dahlias. Color is a bright lilac rose.

Roots, 25c

MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE—Informal Decorative

(Murphy-Success—84) 1932, Blooms 11 x 4, Bush 5 ft.

The large blooms of this plant have taken many prizes as "The largest and best bloom of the show." Blooms are a deep dark red shading toward crimson, and the majority face up on the bush. Stems are stocky. It is a very vigorous grower and in general a very good, free blooming dahlia. Petals are broad and wave slightly near tips, outer petals folding back toward stem. Flower has good depth. You will be delighted with the flower in the garden and as a cut flower. We can not say very much in favor of the keeping qualities of the roots; they need watching. They are a difficult root to winter unless one has an ideal root cellar. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Plants only, \$1.00

MYRA HOWARD—Informal Decorative

(Glutzbeck-Dahliadel—86) 1932, Bloom 10 x 7.

The color of this dahlia is a glowing combination of yellow cadmium and gold with gold tints of salmon, the entire effect being ochreous orange. Throughout the deep flower are petaloids, which give it distinction in both form and color. A wonderful plant and thrifty grower. Won American Achievement Medal in 1931, and in 1932 was certified at Storrs, Conn. This is one of the dahlias which has made good in many parts of the country. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, \$1.50; Plants, 75c

NESTHACKHEN—Miniature

(Englehardt—85) 1934, Bloom 4 x 2, Bush 2½ ft.

Color, buff suffused soft lilac. An artistic miniature where pastel shades are desired. Free flowering and good growing habits.

Plants only, 50c

NANCY DUNNE—Informal Decorative

(Alling) 1936

"Salmon, tan, gold, reverse magenta. Its rich coloring is completely intriguing. Good size, good stem. Good foliage. An Honor Roll dahlia." (Introducer's description)

Plants only, \$5.00

OAKLEIGH MONARCH—Informal Decorative

(Hook—86.9) 1936, Bloom 10 x 5, Bush 6 ft.

Color is a bright cerise red. Under normal conditions the blooms will run from 10 to 14 inches across. Foliage is a heavy dark green and insect resisting. Plant is a vigorous grower with good stems. Won a Certificate of Merit at East Lansing Trial Grounds in 1935. This dahlia has been grown in different parts of the country by experienced growers and found to be a very satisfactory plant under all conditions. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Plants only, \$5.00

ON PARADE—Ball

(McDowell-Parkway) 1935, Bloom 7 x 5.

One of the spectacular show dahlias—it's large and perfectly formed. Color a bright, clear lavender, slightly tinted lilac. Bloom is held at 45 degrees. An outstanding bloom in its class.

Plants only, \$2.50

ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN

OLYMPIC SUNSET—Semi Cactus

(Lee) 1935, Bloom 10 x 4, Bush 5 ft.

Color of this beautiful cactus is apricot orange and coral with a blend of pale lemon yellow and having a distinct tone of yellow at the base of the petals, reverse of petals is rose. A distinct semi cactus form with very full, high centers which always remain closed tight. Stems strong and erect, four to six inches to first set of leaves. This outstanding dahlia has won many prizes throughout the northwest. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Plants only, \$2.50

ORCHID LADY—Miniature

(Groll—86) 1934, Blooms 3 x 2, Bush 3 ft.

Orchid. A 1934 introduction that was outstanding at East Lansing Trial Grounds and received a Certificate of Merit at Storrs, Conn., in 1935. Is a formal decorative type; a fine cut flower, and adaptable for inside decoration.

Plants only, 50c

ORCHID MOONLIGHT—Formal Decorative

(Greenough-Ruschmohr—85) 1936

"A formal decorative of beautiful mauve pink. This is an excellent grower, the foliage of which is insect resistant and has good stiff stems. This dahlia received a Certificate of Merit at Storrs in 1934, was the winner as the best undisseminated formal decorative in the New York show this year (1935) as well as the Rockville Centre show. On the Honor Roll." (Introducer's description)

Plants only, \$5.00

ORIENTAL GLORY—Informal Decorative

(Swartz—85) 1934, Bloom 10 x 5, Bush 6 ft.

The color of this dahlia is a living, dazzling, vivid orange. The true color description is cadmium orange, reverse scarlet, which color shows toward the center of the flower on the unopened petals; at a distance the general effect is orange. Plant is good grower with tough insect resistant foliage. Roots or plants will flower within ninety days, and, best of all they keep flowering until frost. Received Certificate of Merit at Storrs in 1932 and was placed in the American Home Honor Roll by Derrill W. Hart in 1933.

Roots, \$2.00; Plants, \$1.00

PALO ALTO—Semi Cactus

(Ballay-Success—85) 1933, Bloom 10 x 6, Bush 6 ft.

Bright salmon with deep primrose shading at the center. The flowers full centered, of good substance, and range in size up to 12 inches across and are held high above the foliage on straight, stiff stems. Plants are strong, healthy growers and all around good doers. An Honor Roll dahlia of great merit.

Plants only, \$1.00

PAUL PFITZER—Cactus

(Berger—86) 1934, Bloom 8 x 4, Bush 4 ft.

This German variety created a sensation for itself the last two years wherever it was shown. It is a pleasing combination of sulphur yellow and lilac rose. Blooms face at side on cane-like stems in great profusion. Foliage is insect resistant. Blooms keep well when cut. All around, it is a very satisfying cactus. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, 75c

QUEEN CITY—Formal Decorative

(Peck) 1936

The introducer has this to say about Queen City: "It combines the quality, stem, and productivity of Buckeye Bride with long life as a cut flower, and a glorious new color, scarlet pink." We saw this flower last fall and will say that the above is no exaggeration. Mr. Derrill W. Hart says in his Honor Roll: "I have this on trial and, like Buckeye Bride, it is a splendid open grower. It blooms throughout the entire season. The color is a distinctive pink, a shade half way between cherry red and old rose. This dahlia has already proved itself on the cut flower market, and each plant will average 12 fine quality flowers."

Plants only,

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RAINBOW'S END—Informal Decorative

(Bissell—87) Bloom 8 x 4, Bush 5 ft.

A scarlet edged gold, with long petals that have a slight wave near the tips, showing the orange gold reverse. Blooms are held facing sideways. Good stems hold every bloom away above the foliage. Bush makes good growth and is wide branching. It is one of the early blooming varieties that continue to bloom until late. Is a very attractive and satisfactory plant.

Plants only, 75c

RAJAH—Informal Decorative

1934, Bloom 8 x 6, Bush 4½ ft.

An immense bi-color dahlia, which, like most bi-colors, does not always come true, but it is so exceptional that you will be well repaid for growing it. The color is a deep orange splashed with red.

Roots, \$1.50; Plants, 75c

RED JUG—Semi Cactus

(Preas-Ruschmohr—85) 1936, Bloom 10x5, Bush 6 ft.

"A semi cactus of striking cardinal red in color. The petals being tipped yellow. The blooms average 10 inches in diameter and 5 inches deep. At the Mid West show in Cleveland, 1935, it won as the best undisseminated dahlia shipped by aeroplane over 500 miles. After traveling this distance, on the second day of the show, the blooms created much favorable comment on their freshness. Received Certificate of Merit at Storrs in 1935. The stems are long and the foliage leathery and insect resisting. The plant has a natural growth up to 6 feet in height and produces flowers of remarkable keeping qualities. On the Honor Roll." (Introducer's description)

Plants only, \$5.00

ROYAL FLUSH—Informal Decorative

(Ballay) 1932, Bloom 9 x 5, Bush 4½ ft.

Brightest of scarlet—a very different shade of scarlet. The attraction of this flower is its coloring. Bush and growing habits are good. Stem is not as long as one would like, but not too short. A fair root maker.

Roots, 50c

RUBY TAIT—Informal Decorative

(Fraser—85) 1933, Bloom 10 x 4, Bush 4 ft.

A delicately shaded flower of unique formation with numerous petals and petaloids. A striking relief from the uniformity of the formal decoratives. Light sulphur yellow with soft violet rose suffusion and shadings on the reverse. One of the first in bloom if pruned and disbudded and will be a mass of bloom until frost.

Roots, \$1.50; Plants, 75c

RUBY TAYLOR—Informal Decorative

(Garrity-Success—85) 1933, Bloom 8 x 4, Bush 5 ft.

A clear crimson carmine of one tone that holds well in sunshine. A good open growing bush with long erect stems. Certified at Storrs in 1932 and has won many prizes. Large blooms of good form are uniform in size.

Roots, \$1.00; Plants, 50c

RUDOLPH'S GIANT—Informal Decorative

(Rudolph-Ruschmohr—85) 1936

"This dahlia is signified by its name. It is very large and with the usual disbudding and no overfeeding, every bloom we have cut has been at least 12 inches. The color is a bright buff apricot. While the bush is not a tall grower, it produces excellent foliage and good stiff stems. In addition to width the flower has depth and the centers are tight and compact. Received a Certificate of Merit in Storrs in 1934. Winner as Best Informal in Rockville Center show, 1935, in the undisseminated class. An Honor Roll dahlia." (Introducer's description)

Plants only, \$7.50

ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN

RUDY VALLEE—Semi Cactus

(Broomall-Success—85) 1931, Bloom 11 x 6.

A very rich and attractive bloom. Color reddish apricot, gold center. Flowers are full-centered and are held attractively on long stems well above foliage. Growth of the bush is vigorous. A Certificate of Merit dahlia. Blooms a little late, therefore must be one of the first to be planted.

Roots, 75c; Plants, 50c

SATAN—Semi Cactus

(Ballay-Success—85) 1933, Bloom 10 x 4, Bush 6 ft.

Here is a dahlia that should be in every garden. Color, scarlet with yellow on the reverse of petals showing at the center as petals unfold. Stems are long and may need some support in hot weather. Very showy in the garden. Bushes tall and rugged. Flowers are uniformly large and of regular formation, keeping well when cut. On all Honor Rolls.

Roots, \$1.50; Plants, 75c

SNOW CAP—Formal Decorative

Bloom 7 x 4, Bush 4 ft.

One of the good formal decorative whites. Seems to be quite hardy in every way in all kinds of weather. Very free flowering.

Roots, 75c; Plants, 50c

SONNY BOY—Informal Decorative

(Nunneville—89) Bloom 10 x 6, Bush 4 ft.

This flower might be called a regular "HE" dahlia as it attracts the attention of everyone. It is a showy color of old rose slightly striped and tinged old gold. Bloom attains great size and depth, faces sideways on long sturdy stems. The foliage is strong, heavy and leathery—the kind that really resists the insects. Plant is exceptionally strong and thrifty.

Plants only, \$1.25

SPOTLIGHT—Informal Decorative

(Hulin—79) 1934, Blooms 10 x 5, Bush 4 ft.

Sulphur yellow shading lighter at the tips of petals with nearly a white reverse making a very pleasing color combination. An early and long bloomer. Winner of American Home Achievement Medal and three firsts the first year. Bush is good growing of compact formation with light green foliage. Insect resistant. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only \$1.00

STAR OF BETHLEHEM—Semi Cactus

(Nolet) 1931, Bloom 8 x 4, Bush 4 ft.

Pure white petals emanating from a full center tightly closed produce a star like effect that is beautiful beyond words. The dark green dense foliage makes an attractive plant that sets off the beautiful blooms to advantage. Very prolific bloomer. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, \$1.00; Plants, 50c

THE COMMODORE—Informal Decorative

(Scott-Kemp—84) 1932, Bloom 10 x 4, Bush 4 ft.

Very large loose-petaled lemon yellow, overlaid with golden sheen. One of the largest exhibition varieties. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, 50c; Plants, 50c

THE FIREMAN—Informal Decorative

(Success—85) 1934, Bloom 9 x 4, Bush 6 ft.

A striking cardinal red with golden flushes and golden tips. Petals are long and wavy and twist gracefully near the tips. Blooms face sideways. An early and prolific bloomer. A single plant of The Fireman grown at the New York Botanical Gardens made a very good impression and was runner up in the popularity contest. Received Certificate of Merit at Storrs. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, \$2.50; Plants, \$1.25

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THE WORLD—Formal Decorative

(Dahliadel—85) Bloom 9 x 4½, Bush 5 ft.

The coloring is an unusually rich, deep, rosy magenta, overlaid garnet, with silver shadings on the edges of petals. A rich and beautiful combination of colors. Perfect, full centers. Stems strong and erect. Foliage thick and leathery. Sturdy grower. Does much better in cool weather as the substance of the blooms improves.

Roots, 50c; Plants, 50c

TOWER'S EMPIRE—Informal Decorative

(Tower-Parella) 1935, Bloom 12 x 6, Bush 7 ft.

Here is one of the super dahlias that made good in the year 1935. Immense blooms of a clear gold with deep amber shadings at the center. Stems are of the best. Blooms can be grown 12 to 15 inches in diameter. This variety has a wonderful branching habit. One of the high scoring dahlias. The foliage is very odd, being thick and of a fern like pattern and insect resistant. An early and prolific bloomer. A good strong growing plant. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, \$5.00

WASHINGTON GIANT—Informal Decorative

(Lee—88) 1934, Bloom 10 x 6, Bush 5½ ft.

One of the outstanding introductions of 1934. It is unusual in form and color which is lavender with orchid tints blended with silver, and possessing silver petaloids near the base of the petals. Foliage and stems excellent. A free bloomer and a splendid addition to the lavender classes. On the Honor Roll.

Plants only, \$1.00

WENOKA—Formal Decorative

(Hulin) 1935, Bloom 10 x 5, Bush 5 ft.

This large rosy mauve dahlia can be described as an improved Orinda. A very prolific bloomer, as well as early and constant. Plant is strong and vigorous growing in habit and in all a very satisfactory dahlia. Received many votes in the New York Botanical Gardens, where it was grown in 1934. On two Honor Rolls.

Plants only, \$5.00

W. H. T.—Formal Decorative

(McCarrol Schling—85) 1931, Bloom 9 x 5.

This pleasing variety is a shade not common in big dahlias—rich old rose or begonia rose with mauve shadings on the reverse of petals. It is a robust grower with strong stems. Petals are thick and of good substance, opening back to the stem, which is a very desirable feature in a dahlia of this type. On the Honor Roll.

Roots, 50c; Plants, 50c

YANKEE QUEEN—Formal Decorative

(Sanhican) Bloom 6 x 3, Bush 3½ ft.

White flushed pink, shading lighter to the tips of petals. Blooms are very numerous and of good form and substance and are held at an angle on good stems. Very beautiful in vase or basket.

Roots, 50c

JAMES KIRBY—Informal Decorative

(Badetty) 1933, Bloom 9 x 5, Bush 4½ ft.

A dahlia of striking beauty and character, possessing not only artistic formation but a rich coloring that is of dazzling brilliance especially under strong light. Color a crimson red shading to ruby at the center. Bloom faces sideways. Stem very good. Bush growth good. Clean cut foliage. An Honor Roll dahlia.

Plants only, 75c

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Be An Informed Dahlia Fan

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We recommend that you join your state society as well as the American Dahlia Society. The cost of membership in the American Dahlia Society is but \$2.00 per year and should be sent to C. Louis Alling, 251 Court street, West Haven, Conn. For this investment you will receive the bulletin of the society which is published quarterly—a real masterpiece and chock full of information, giving many helpful hints by well known growers, both amateur and commercial. The open forum will solve many of your dahlia problems. You will have \$2.00's worth of show privileges at the National Dahlia Show. No real dahlia enthusiast could well afford not to belong to the American Dahlia Society.

Aside from the A. D. S. Bulletin and the several state society bulletins one must subscribe to the Mid West Dahlia News in order to be at all up-to-the-minute in the happenings of the dahlia world. This publication is devoted exclusively to the Dahlia and is edited by D. O. Eldredge of 170 Talmage street, Madison, Wisconsin. The bulletin is now publishing quarterly about 60 pages of top notch dahlia news and costs but \$1.00 a year. The biggest dollar's worth in the dahlia game today.

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CANNAS

The tallest and bulkiest of all bedding plants is the Canna. Their foliage serves to conceal the ground or background, being of itself attractive in rich shades of green or bronze. Blooms are uniformly large and held well above the foliage. Not a good cut flower. The varieties listed are free flowering and vigorous growers.

KING HUMBERT—4 to 4½ ft. Orange-scarlet blooms flecked with rose. Heart-shaped leaves, shaded purple and brown.

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Roots, 3 for 25c; Dozen, 75c

ROYAL FLOWER GARDENS

GLADIOLUS

Prices quoted are for bulbs 1¼ inches and up.

AFLAME—Begonia rose shading to bright orange flame near the edge. Back of petals brighter shade than the front. 6-6½ inches across. Six to eight open at a time. Very popular garden variety. **Per dozen, 50c**

ALBATROSS—Large pure white with 6-8 large blooms open. Blooms have a tendency to face up in the so-called lily form. An enormously strong grower. Good propagator. Some consider this the best white. **Per dozen, 75c**

APRICOT GLOW—Clear warm apricot shade. Sometimes flecks. Blooms medium size, wide open and well placed. Four to five open. Tall, strong grower. A good commercial bloom. Very fine for baskets and decorative work. **Per dozen, 50c**

BAGDAD—Magnificent smoky old rose, deeper to edge of petals and lighter in throat. Five to seven immense blooms to open at a time on very tall strong spikes. Blooms often 6 inches or more across. **Per dozen, \$1.20**

BETTY NUTHALL—Very fine salmon orange shading to yellow in throat. Six to eight medium large well placed blooms on long straight spike that always stands erect. One of the finest cut flowers. Requires 100 days to bloom so should be planted early. **Per dozen, 50c**

BILL SOWDEN—Immense massive deep blood red often flecked darker. Five to six open. Spikes are not so tall as Commander Koehl but individual florets are very beautiful. **Per dozen, \$1.25**

CHAS. DICKENS—Purple violet. Very tall, strong grower with long spike of bloom open. One of the best in this shade. **Per dozen, 50c**

COMMANDER KOEHL—Beautiful, large clear light blood red. Tall and straight. Massive spike. Generally considered about the best red in its shade. **Per dozen, \$1.00**

DR. F. E. BENNETT—Fiery scarlet with fine white lines in the throat. One of the finest exhibition reds. Very fine as cut flower. **Per dozen, 50c**

DR. NELSON SHOOK—Beautiful ruffled deep Tyrian rose of a dark shade. Strong grower. Large strong spikes with 6-8 blooms open. **Per dozen, 50c**

GOLDEN DREAM—Beautiful clear deep medium size yellow, 7-10 open. Tall strong grower. Fine for exhibition work. **Per dozen, 50c**

JANET—Smoky gray shaded deep peach pink. Four to five large velvety ruffled blooms open at a time. A beautiful variety. **Per dozen, 60c**

ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN

MARMORA—Silver gray with rose throat. A very beautiful bloom with 8-10 open at a time. This flower makes up well with yellow or white in vase work. **Per dozen, 50c**

MARNIA—A very dependable orange that does best when planted late. **Per dozen, 50c**

MINUET—Wonderfully beautiful clear light pinkish lavender. Five to eight heavily textured blooms open at once. Generally considered as one of the best all purpose glads. **Per dozen, 60c**

MOTHER MACHREE—Vinaceous lavender overlaid toward the edges of the petals with salmon pink. A color combination difficult to describe. More beautiful when cut and opened inside as the hard colors soften making a much more beautiful flower. One of the most popular smokies. **Per dozen, 75c**

MRS. P. W. SISSON—Beautiful ruffled creamy light pink. Six or more blooms open at one time. A good cut flower when used immediately. Does well planted late. **Per dozen, 50c**

PELEGRINA—Rich deep blue. Six or more well placed blooms open with all the rest of the buds on the spike showing color which gives the appearance of a very large spike of bloom. **Per dozen, \$1.75**

PICARDY—A soft shrimp pink without flecking. Blotch of light flesh pink at edges. In conspicuous feathering of begonia rose. Seven to ten open. Blooms up to 6 inches or more across. Well placed on tall strong spike. This glad has about everything it takes to make a real sensational bloom and has been a sensation since its introduction, increasing in popularity each year. **Per dozen, \$1.00**

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TRITOMA

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Red Hot Poker, Flame Flower, or Torch Lily

We have a very fine stock of this early, free-blooming variety of tritoma which makes one of the best bedding plants. It will succeed in most any garden soil but will give much better results if fed a little. We have never tried to winter the stock outside in this section as the chances are that it would be lost, however it will survive in a little more equitable climate with proper mulching. Will bloom from August to October or frost with spikes of rich orange-scarlet. Gives wonderful effect whether planted singly or in masses.

Each 20c, 2 for 35c, Doz. \$2.00.

Brief Suggestions To The Amateur Grower

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A good gardener generally raises a good dahlia garden.

The hole in which a dahlia is expected to grow should receive as much attention as the selection of the dahlia.

Prepare the planting spot well and place the supporting stake.

Dig a hole next to and around the stake about 10 inches wide by 7 to 8 inches deep, place one handful of bone meal therein and mix well with the soil before planting.

Place root in flat position with the eye turned up. Cover about 2 inches with soil, as the plant grows fill in around the stem with soil until ground is level, except in heavy clay soil, care being taken at all times not to injure the bud.

Plant about the last week in May. Earlier in some sections; later in others. The dahlia requires about 90 to 105 days to bloom from planting date.

Keep the soil well cultivated throughout the season, and prevent weeds from outgrowing the plant. Cultivating deep only until the plants bud then use the garden rake to keep soil loose close to the plant.

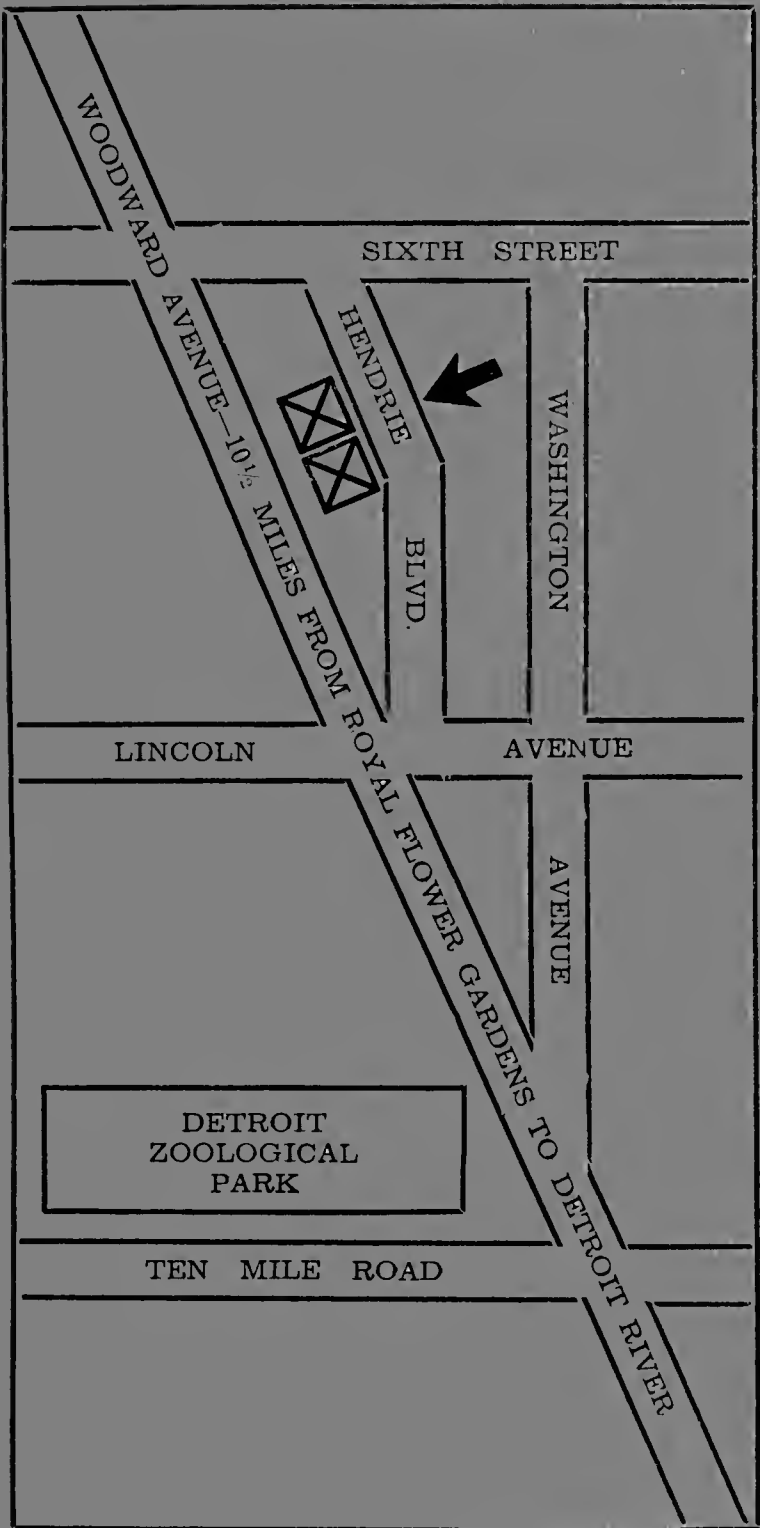
Water plants during hot weather at least once each week. Do not merely sprinkle them, but soak them. Better done not in the heat of the day.

Tie the plant to the supporting stake with soft cord at intervals of about 12 inches. This will prevent the bush from injury due to wind and storm. Spray with a good insecticide at least every two weeks. We have had good results with Red Arrow, Blackleaf 40, and Evergreen, using as directed by instructions on label.

About August 1 scatter a handful of bone meal around the plant—staying away at least 6 inches from stem—rake lightly into the soil. Repeat in about two or three weeks. A good commercial fertilizer may be used in place of bone meal if available—formula 2-6-10 is very successful for some garden soils.

Watering thoroughly after fertilizing will be beneficial, providing it does not rain. After buds start to form be sure your dahlia garden does not dry out. It is better to have a little too much moisture from this date on than to allow the roots to become too dry.

ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN



LOCATION

Driving north on Woodward Avenue at the Ten Mile Road—Ten miles from the Detroit City Hall—One is at the Detroit Zoological Park. Continue north one-half mile to Lincoln Avenue. At this point turn right on Hendrie Boulevard to the second house.

